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1 – Army Nuclear Reactor Barge Headed For Dismantling In Galveston, State Impact, 9/8/2014

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2014/09/08/army-nuclear-reactor-barge-headed-for-dismantling-in-galveston/>

Sometime this winter, an historic sea vessel will float into Galveston. But you won't be able to take a tour of it. In fact, you probably won't be allowed to get close to it. Because the big barge is radioactive.

2 – Natural Gas Fueling Stations Surge in Texas, Texas Tribune, 9/8/14

<http://www.texastribune.org/2014/09/08/natural-gas-fueling-stations-surge-texas/>

Those who drive natural gas-powered vehicles around Texas are quickly getting more fueling options. The state now holds 104 natural gas fueling stations, according to a map released Monday by the Railroad Commission of Texas. That's nearly 50 more than Texas had last year. Meanwhile, 67 more stations are set to open in 2015.

3 - 'Albuquerque's water is a clear winner, ABQ Journal, 9/8/14

<http://www.abqjournal.com/458900/abqnewsseeker/city-county-drinking-water-judged-to-be-best.html>

Thankfully, our tap water doesn't have "a slight chemical taste," or a "hint of sweat socks," or, heaven forbid, a "mysterious aroma, Vietnam, summer 1972." Those were some of the comments a panel of judges on Monday used to describe water from six municipal water systems in New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming – but not Albuquerque's water.

4 – Planning for future water use a conundrum for Houston, Houston Chron, 9/8/2014

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Houston-news-5742472.php>

Beneath Houston, miles of the city's aging water mains are leaking billions of gallons each year. The repairs will require years of work and millions of dollars. Officials, meanwhile, would like residents to take shorter showers and use their sprinklers less often - a conservation ethic that could mean less revenue for the utility tasked with fixing the old pipes.

5 – Wisner Donation land agreement with BP doesn't require oil removal, federal judge says, Oklahoman, 9/4/2014

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/09/wisner_donation_land_access_ag.html#incart_river

The Wisner Donation trust fund is likely to get less than half of its demands that BP restart a program to remove oil from its property along the Caminada/Fourchon Beach waterfront in Lafourche Parish, according to a series of recommendations made Friday (Sept. 5) by a federal magistrate judge.

6 – Big water bill looms for another town in nothern Arkansas, KY3, 9/8/14

http://www.ky3.com/news/local/big-water-bill-for-another-north-arkansas-town/21048998_27944830

City officials here are in legal hot water over a huge water bill. A circuit judge in Conway says Marshall cannot use pipeline water for free and must pay for it as part of a settlement of a lawsuit filed against city officials. The Searcy County town owes the Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority. Almost \$322,000. The pipeline authority says Marshall hasn't paid its bills for 13 months.

7 – Editorial: Kirtland jet fuel spill still long way from cleanup, ABQ Journal, 9/8/2014

<http://www.abqjournal.com/458433/opinion/kirtland-jet-fuel-spill-still-long-way-from-cleanup.html>

It's a familiar refrain. A clean-up plan is in the works for a massive underground jet fuel spill at Kirtland Air Force Base that is threatening the city's pristine groundwater supply. But deadlines again have passed and there still isn't a plan, not even an interim one.

8 – EPA: Officials must target algae triggers, Columbus Dispatch, 9/9/14

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/09/09/epa-officials-must-target-algae-triggers.html>

Federal and state governments aren't doing enough to keep nitrogen and phosphorus out of their waterways, a key strategy in saving the Gulf of Mexico from a huge, algae-fed "dead zone," according to a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report.

9 – Solution not in sight for Gulf dead zone, Houma Today, 8/27/2014

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20140827/ARTICLES/140829597/0/search?p=1&tc=pg>

In the 30 years scientists have mapped the Gulf of Mexico dead zone, it has grown in average size and environmentalists complain there has been little effort to solve the problem. This year's area of low- to no-oxygen in the Gulf covers some 5,000 square miles, below the average for the past five years but still more than two times larger than the goal envisioned by a task force studying the issue.

10 – Commissioners Adopt Resolution Regarding the EPA Clean Water Act, Brown Wood News, 9/8/2014

<http://www.thenewsstar.com/story/news/local/louisiana/2014/09/07/scientist-salvinia-extract-kill-salvinia/15254573/>

Brown County Commissioners approved a resolution regarding the EPA Clean Water Act which many Texas counties are adopting in order to protect land owners rights. According to Lewis Lehman of Farm Bureau Insurance who presented the resolution to commissioners, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) have proposed a new rule to define "waters of the United States" that will vastly expand the jurisdictional authority of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) in order to develop a new guidance which expands their own jurisdictional authority under the CWA to include waters of the state(s) and other waters previously not regulated under either the CWA or judicial proclamation, including some ditches, farm ponds, dry water ways and isolated wetlands.

11 – Glover to meet with EPA, Shreveport Times, 9/8/2014

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/news/local/2014/09/09/local-government-stories-watch-week/15319853/>

Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover will meet with representatives from the Dallas office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to discuss the Harrelson Materials Management's Russell Road landfill. Glover wants the EPA's help in getting the landfill completely closed. The representatives are supposed to be in Shreveport this week, Glover's office recently announced.

12 – Climate Change Will Disrupt Half of North America's Bird Species, NY Times, 9/8/2014

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/09/us/climate-change-will-disrupt-half-of-north-americas-bird-species-study-says.html?action=click&pgtype=Homepage&version=Moth-Visible&module=inside-nyt-region®ion=inside-nyt-region&WT.nav=inside-nyt-region&r=1>

The Baltimore oriole will probably no longer live in Maryland, the common loon might leave Minnesota, and the trumpeter swan could be entirely gone. Those are some of the grim prospects outlined in a report released on Monday by the National Audubon Society, which found that climate change is likely to so alter the bird population of North America that about half of the approximately 650 species will be driven to smaller spaces or forced to find new places to live, feed and breed over the next 65 years.

